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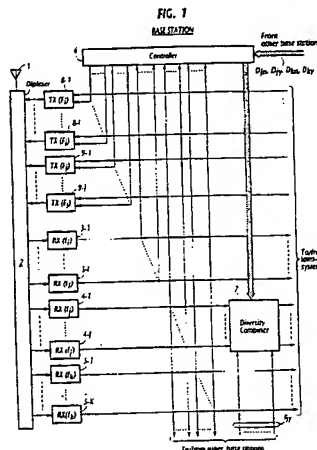
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Cellular mobile communications system using frequencies commonly shared by neighboring cells for handoff operations.

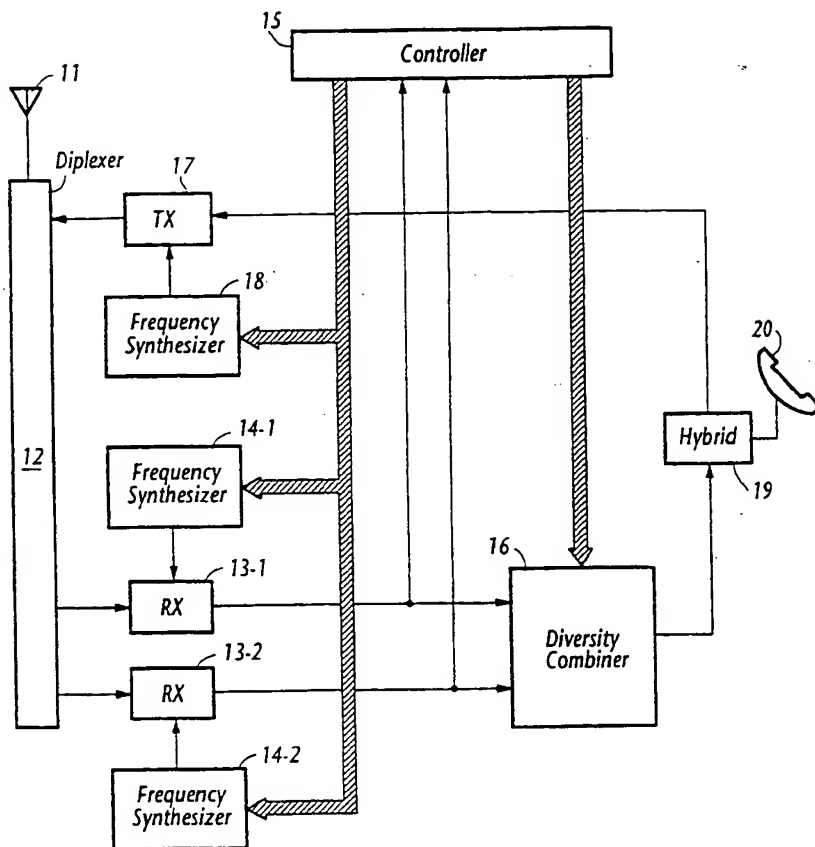
In a cellular mobile communication system, each base station is allocated common frequencies shared with other base stations in addition to unique frequencies. One of the unique frequencies is assigned by a base station to a mobile terminal in response to a call request. The field strength of a signal from that mobile terminal is detected and one of the common frequencies is assigned to it if the detected field strength becomes lower than a threshold. The base station receives a field strength signal from a neighboring station indicating the field strength of a version of the signal at the neighboring station and compares it with a threshold, and combines the signal of that mobile terminal with the version of the signal received by a relayed from the neighboring station when the field strength of that version of the signal is higher than the threshold. At the given mobile station, a signal from the base station which assigned the common frequency is combined with a signal from the neighboring station. In a modification, the field strength of signals from surrounding base stations is detected by mobile terminals and a start-of-diversity-mode request is transmitted when the field strength of one of the surrounding stations is higher than a threshold and an

end-of-diversity-mode request signal is transmitted when the field strength of such a surrounding station is lower than the threshold. The base station responds to these requests for effecting diversity reception.



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FIG. 2MOBILE STATION



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